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 1. LONDON TIMES STRINGER ANDREW TARNOWSKI MET WITH  
 EMBASSY POLITICAL OFFICER ON DECEMBER 20 TO DISCUSS

TARNOWSKI'S ALLEGATIONS THAT THE "ARGENTINE INFORMATION  
 SERVICE CENTER" (AISC) LIST IS A "GROSS MISREPRESENTATION"  
 OF THE HUMAN RIGHTS SITUATION IN ARGENTINA AND UNFAIR  
 TO GOA. ACCORDING TO TARNOWSKI, A STORY HE WROTE FOR  
 THE VANCE VISIT WHICH APPEARED IN THE LONDON TIMES ON  
 NOVEMBER 23 CORRECTLY CHARACTERIZED THE AISC LIST AS  
 BEING FILLED WITH ERRORS AND DUPLICATIONS. TARNOWSKI  
 SAYS HIS STORY PRODUCED A STRONGLY WORDED LETTER FROM  
 AMNESTY INTERNATIONAL SECRETARY GENERAL MARTIN Z  
 REBUTTING  
 ENNALS REEKLING THE LONDON TIME'S PRESENTATION.

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TARNOWSKI FEELS THAT HIS REPUTATION AS A JOURNALIST IS AT STAKE.

HE SAID FALSE REMOVALS HAVE BEEN CIRCULATING THAT HE RECEIVED  
FOR 10 TO 20 THOUSAND DOLLARS KNEW THE STORY FROM A PERSONAL  
FRIEND AT GOA'S NEW YORK PUBLIC RELATIONS FIRM. HE AND HIS  
WIFE, ISABEL TRULLIO, STRINGER FOR THE CHICAGO TRIBUNE HERE,  
HAVE BEEN CONDUCTING AN INTENSIVE STUDY OF THE LIST.

2. IN DISCUSSION WITH EMBOFF TARNOWSKI STRONGLY CRITICIZED  
THE UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT FOR "ITS MISREPRESENTATION" OF  
THE LIST. EMBOFF POINTED OUT THAT EMBASSY AIDE-MEMOIRE  
(WHICH WAS LATER READ TO HIM) TRANSMITTING THE LIST  
SPECIFICALLY STATED THAT THE USG HAD NO MEANS OF VERIFYING

THE INFORMATION ON THE LIST BUT WISHED TO MAKE IT AVAILABLE  
FOR THE GOA'S USE. TARNOWSKI RESPONDED THAT AS THE U.S.  
GOVERNMENT HAS LENT ITS PRESTIGE TO THE LIST, IT HAS  
RESPONSIBILITY TO CORRECT FALSE CHARACTERIZATIONS WHICH HAVE  
APPEARED IN THE WORLD PRESS. TARNOWSKI STATED THAT THE LIST  
DOES NOT ~~KAN~~ CONTAIN 7,500 PERSONS BUT CONTAINS BY HIS  
ESTIMATE UNDER 5,700 PERSONS. (HE MAY BE CORRECT -- TO OUR  
KNOWLEDGE NO EARLIER COMPLETE TABULATION WAS MADE.)

FURTHERMORE HE POINTED OUT THE LIST CONTAINS PERSONS WHO  
WERE DETAINED OR DISAPPEARED PRIOR TO THE MILITARY JUNTA'S  
ASSUMPTION OF POWER IN MARCH, 1976 -- SOMETHING, OF COURSE,  
APPARENT TO ANYONE READING THE LIST.

THE TIMES

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# Argentina given list of thousands missing

From Andrew Tarnowski  
Buenos Aires, Nov 22

died five years ago, the official added.

Mr Cyrus Vance, the United States Secretary of State has presented the Argentine Government with a list of 7,500 names of people said to have disappeared here or to have been arrested without legal process for political reasons it was reported here today.

A joint statement issued after Mr Vance's talks noted the responsibility of governments to strengthen human rights, and United States officials said Mr Vance had found the Argentine Government's attitude on this problem had improved.

Mr Vance flew on to Brazil today after talks with Argentine leaders yesterday, mainly concerned with human rights and Argentina's nuclear development programme.

"One can definitely say the Government's reaction to our approaches on human rights is certainly improving. Before they stonewalled and could not shouldered us when the subject came up. Now they are responding much more positively," a spokesman said.

The names that Mr Vance delivered were compiled from several lists drawn up by groups like the United States Council of Churches and the Washington Office on Latin America. Mr Vance asked the Argentine Government for information on these cases.

"There may be just as many people disappearing as ever, but the Government's official attitude in dealings with us makes it easier to talk," he added.

A United States official said they included "just about everyone to whom anything is ever believed to have happened in Argentina." There was considerable duplication, and out of 7,500 names, perhaps half that number were persons really involved. "Maybe some of these

On nuclear development, Mr Vance won a firm Argentine commitment to ratify the treaty of Tlatelolco declaring Latin America a zone free of nuclear weapons. In return, the United States promised to supply enriched uranium for a nuclear plant that Argentina is exporting to Peru, and to study other possibilities for providing the nuclear technology needed here.

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